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# Algorithms and Data Structures 2

## CS 1501



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(Slides are adapted from Dr. Ramirez's and Dr. Farnan's CS1501 slides.)

# Announcements

- Upcoming Deadlines
  - Midterm Question **Reattempts**: tonight @ 11:59 pm
  - **Lab 10**: ~~Tuesday 4/11~~ May 1 @ 11:59 pm
  - **Lab 11**: ~~Tuesday 4/18~~ May 1 @ 11:59 pm
  - **Lab 12**: May 1 @ 11:59 pm
  - **Homework 11**: ~~Friday 4/14~~ May 1 @ 11:59 pm
  - **Homework 12**: May 1 @ 11:59 pm
  - **Assignment 4**: ~~Friday 4/14~~ May 1 @ 11:59 pm
    - Support video and slides on Canvas + Solutions for Labs 8 and 9
  - **Assignment 5**: May 1 @ 11:59 pm
    - to be posted tonight

# Final Exam

- **Friday 4/28 12:00-13:50**
  - 169 Crawford Hall
- Same format as midterm
- **Non-cumulative**
- Study guide and practice test on Canvas
- **Review Session** during Finals' Week
  - Date and time TBD
  - recorded

# Bonus Opportunities

- **Bonus Lab**
  - worth up to 1%
  - lowest two labs still dropped
- **Bonus Homework**
  - worth up to 1%
  - lowest two homework assignments still dropped
- bonus point for class when
  - OMETs response rate  $\geq 80\%$**
  - Currently at 12%
  - Deadline is Sunday 4/23

# Previous Lecture

Dynamic Programming: Typical question in **coding interviews!**

- More Examples:
  - 0/1 Knapsack
  - Change Making
  - Subset Sum
  - Edit Distance

# This Lecture

## Dynamic Programming:

Typical question in **coding interviews!**

- More Examples:
  - Longest Common Subsequence
  - Reinforcement Learning
- **Maximum Flow** Problem: useful for problem solving
  - Ford Fulkerson
  - Push Relabel

## Example 7: Longest Common Subsequence

- Given two sequences, return the **longest common subsequence**
  - Example:
    - A Q S R J K V B I  
Q B W F J V I T U
    - A **Q** S R **J** K **V** B **I**  
**Q** B W F **J** **V** **I** T U
- We'll consider a **relaxation** of the problem and only look for the **length** of the longest common subsequence

# LCS dynamic programming example

**x = A Q S R J B I**

**y = Q B I J T U T**

<b>i\j</b>		<b>Q</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>T</b>
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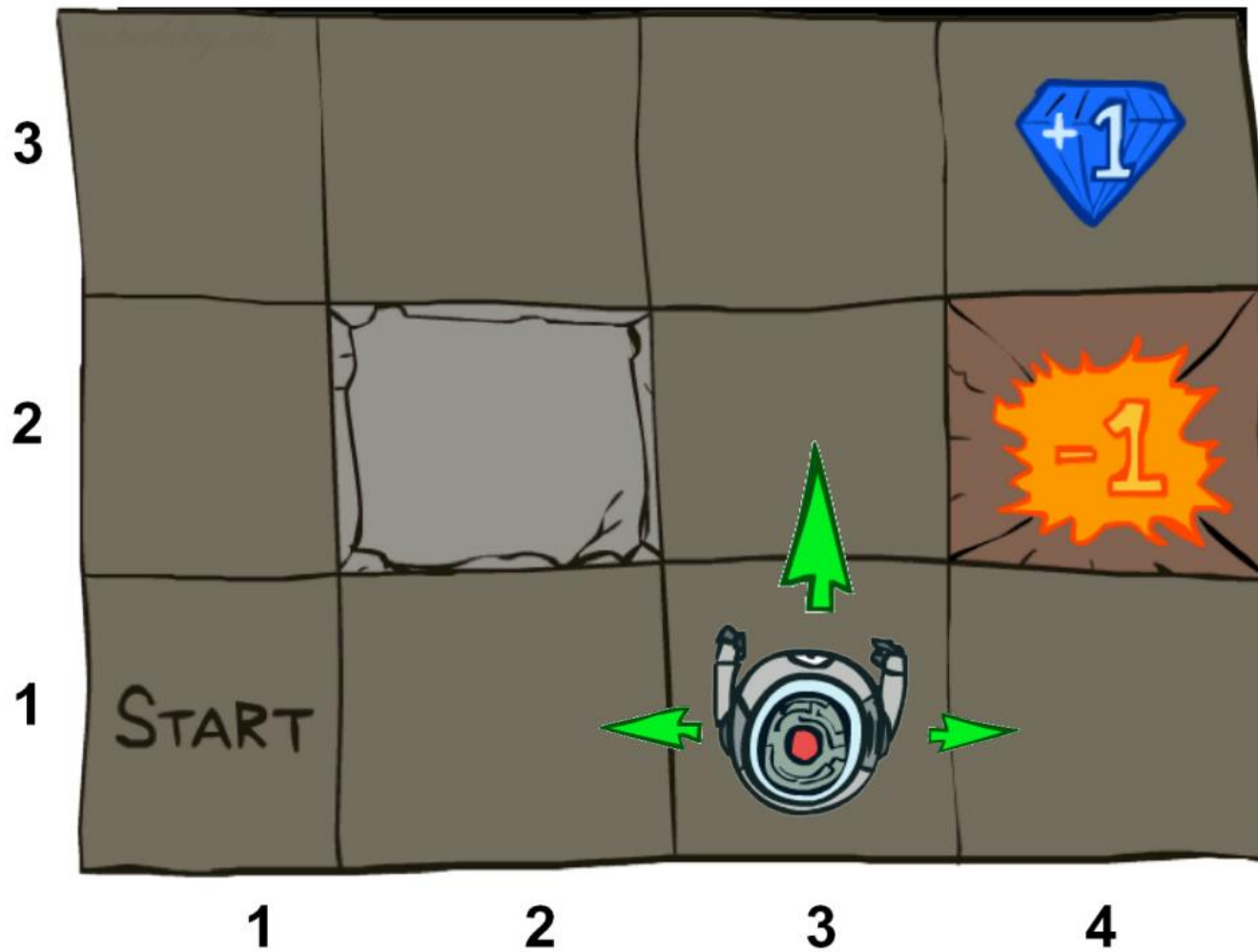
# LCS dynamic programming solution

```
int LCSLength(String x, String y) {  
    int[][] m = new int[x.length + 1][y.length + 1];  
    for (int i=0; i <= x.length; i++) {  
        for (int j=0; j <= y.length; j++) {  
            if (i == 0 || j == 0) m[i][j] = 0;  
            if (x.charAt(i) == y.charAt(j))  
                m[i][j] = m[i-1][j-1] + 1;  
            else  
                m[i][j] = max(m[i][j-1], m[i-1][j]);  
        }  
    }  
    return m[x.length][y.length];  
}
```

## Example 8: Reinforcement Learning

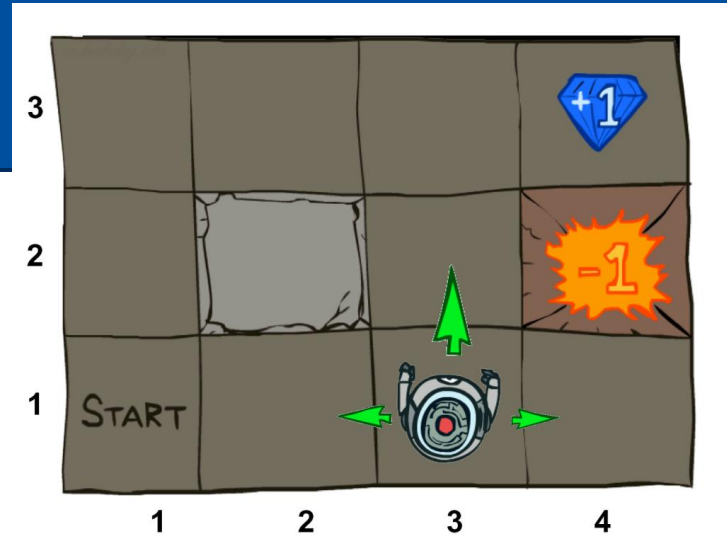
- A type of **Machine Learning**
  - an **agent** (e.g., a robot)
  - learns an optimal **policy**
  - only by getting **rewards** from the **environment**

# Example



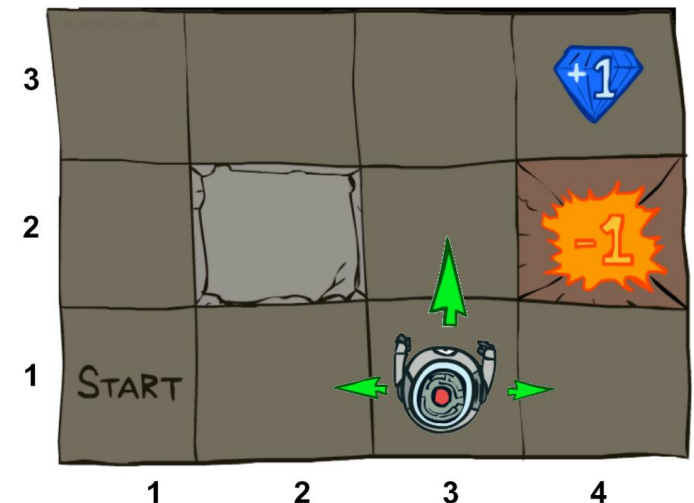
# Input: Markov Decision Process

- A set of **states**
  - e.g., maze locations, agent health
- A set of agent **actions**
  - e.g., move left, move right, etc.
- **Probabilities** of ending up in a state given a current state and an action
  - e.g., move left action  $\rightarrow$  moving left with 1.0 prob. if no wall
  - e.g., if wall, move left action  $\rightarrow$  moving right or up or down with 0.33 prob.
- **Reward** function
  - depends on state and action
  - e.g., high reward for moving up from below cheese
- **Starting state**



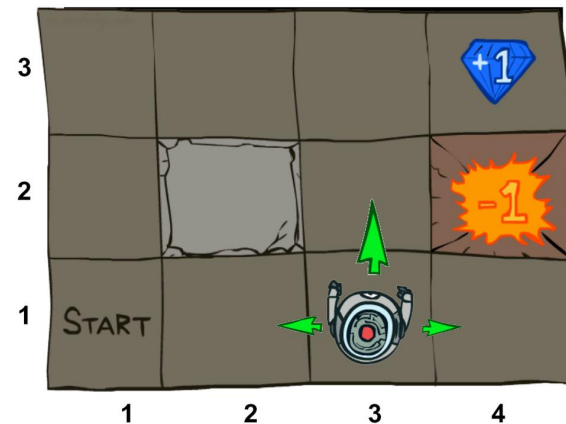
# Input: Markov Decision Process

- A set of **states**
  - think graph **vertices**
- A set of agent **actions**
  - think graph **edges**
- **Probabilities** of ending up in a state given a current state and an action
- **Reward** function
  - think edge **weights**
- A special case: all information readily available
  - called **Planning**



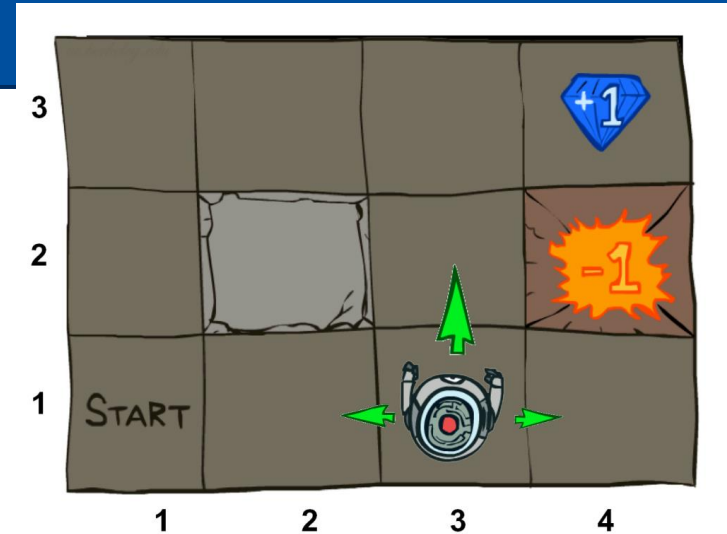
# Output: Optimal Agent Policy

- An agent policy determines the **probability** of taking an action given a state
  - e.g., prob. 1.0 for moving left from start
- An optimal policy gives the **maximum total reward**
- Let's embed rewards into **state values**
  - think distance[] in **Bellman-Ford**
- An optimal policy gives the **maximum total state value**



# Expectations

- Expected **value** of a state?
  - depends on actions
  - $\text{Max}_{\{\text{all actions}\}}$ :
    - prob. of action (**from policy**) \* expected reward
- Expected reward from an action depends on
  - immediate reward (from reward function)
  - values of states reachable through the action
  - $\text{Sum}_{\{\text{all states}\}}$ :
    - prob. of reaching state \* **state value**



# Using Dynamic Programming to Solve an MDP

- Data Structure: Array of state values
- Step 0: Start with an **initial** policy and initial state values
  - e.g., all actions equally likely and state values = 0
- Step 1: Compute expected state values
  - optional: **iterate** until values **converge**
- Step 2: **Modify** policy to take the best action with probability 1.0 (given the current state values)
- Repeat Step 1 and 2 until policy **converges**



# Problem of the Day: Finding Bottlenecks

- send a large file from S to T over a computer network
  - as fast as possible
  - over multiple network paths if needed

- Input:

- computer network

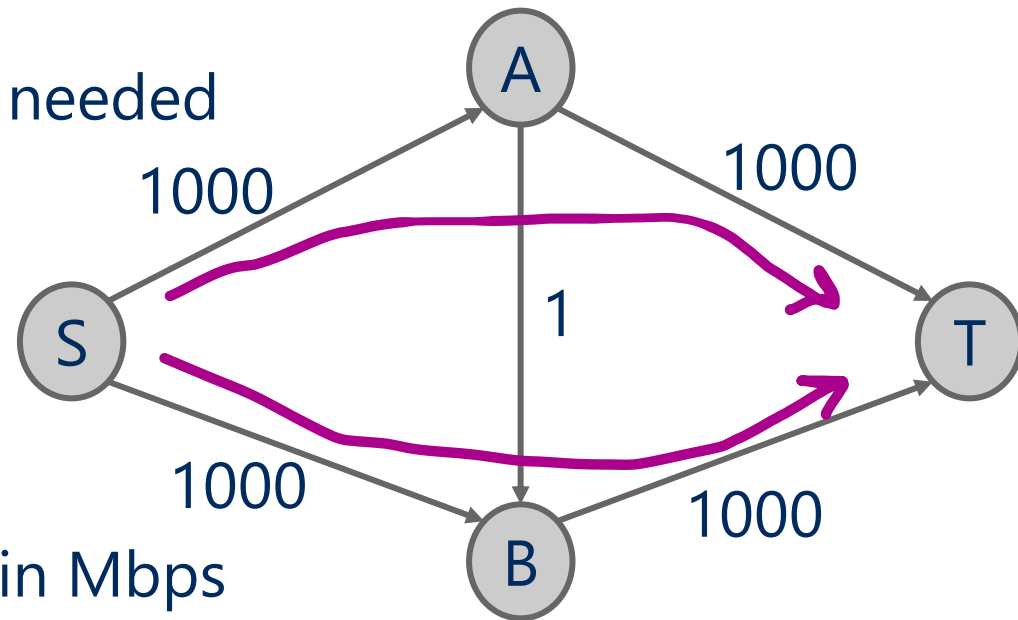
- nodes and links

- links labeled by link speed in Mbps

- nodes A and B

- Output:

- The **maximum network speed** possible



# Defining flow network

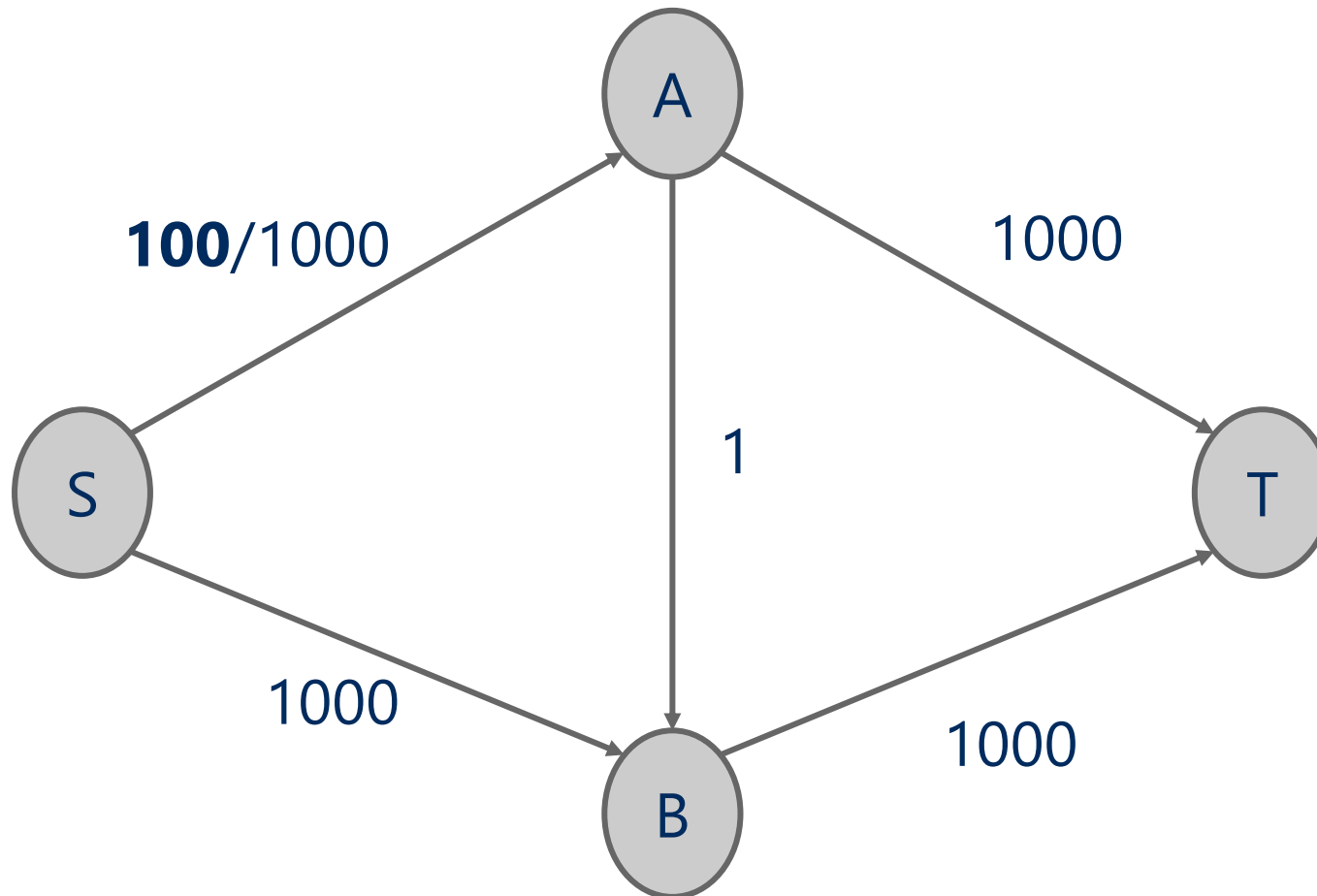
- directed, weighted graph  $G(V, E)$ 
  - Weights are applied to edges to state their *capacity*
    - $c(u, w)$  is the capacity of edge  $(u, w)$
    - if there is no edge from  $u$  to  $w$ ,  $c(u, w) = 0$
- Consider two vertices, a *source*  $s$  and a *sink*  $t$ 
  - determine maximum flow from  $s$  to  $t$  in  $G$
  - with constraints!

# Flow

- $f(u, w)$ : amount of flow carried along the edge  $(u, w)$
- Some rules on the flow running through an edge:
  - $f(u, w) \leq c(u, w)$ 
    - $\forall (u, w) \in E$
  - $\sum_{w \in V} f(w, u) = \sum_{w \in V} f(u, w)$ 
    - incoming flow = outgoing flow
    - $\forall u \in (V - \{s, t\})$

# Residual Capacity of an edge

- Residual capacity of edge  $(u, w)$  is  $\mathbf{c(u, w) - f(u, w)}$
- e.g., residual capacity of edge  $(S, A)$  is  $1000 - 100 = 900$



# Augmenting Path

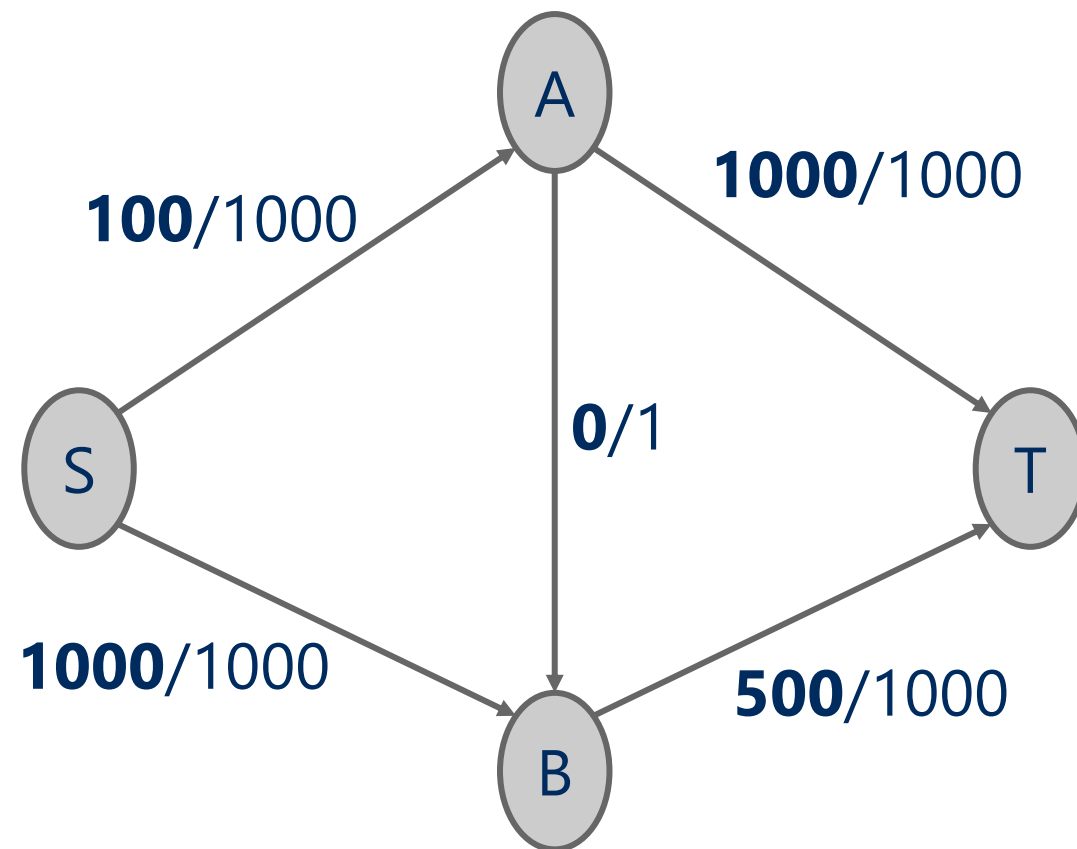
An **augmenting path** in  $G$ :

- simple path  $p$  from  $s$  to  $t$
- all edges in  $p$  have some

**residual capacity**

$$\bigcirc \forall (u, w) \in p, \mathbf{f(u, w)} < \mathbf{c(u, w)}$$

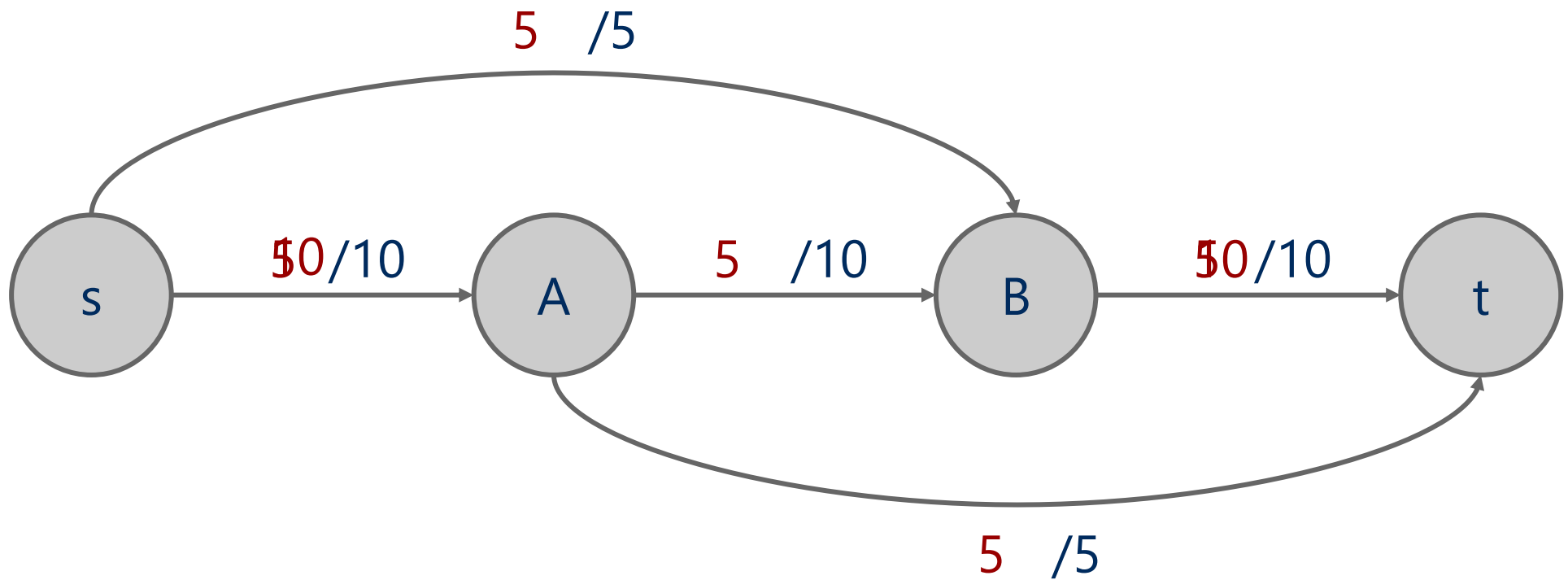
- $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow T$  ✓
- $S \rightarrow A \rightarrow T$  ✗
- $S \rightarrow B \rightarrow T$  ✗



# Ford Fulkerson

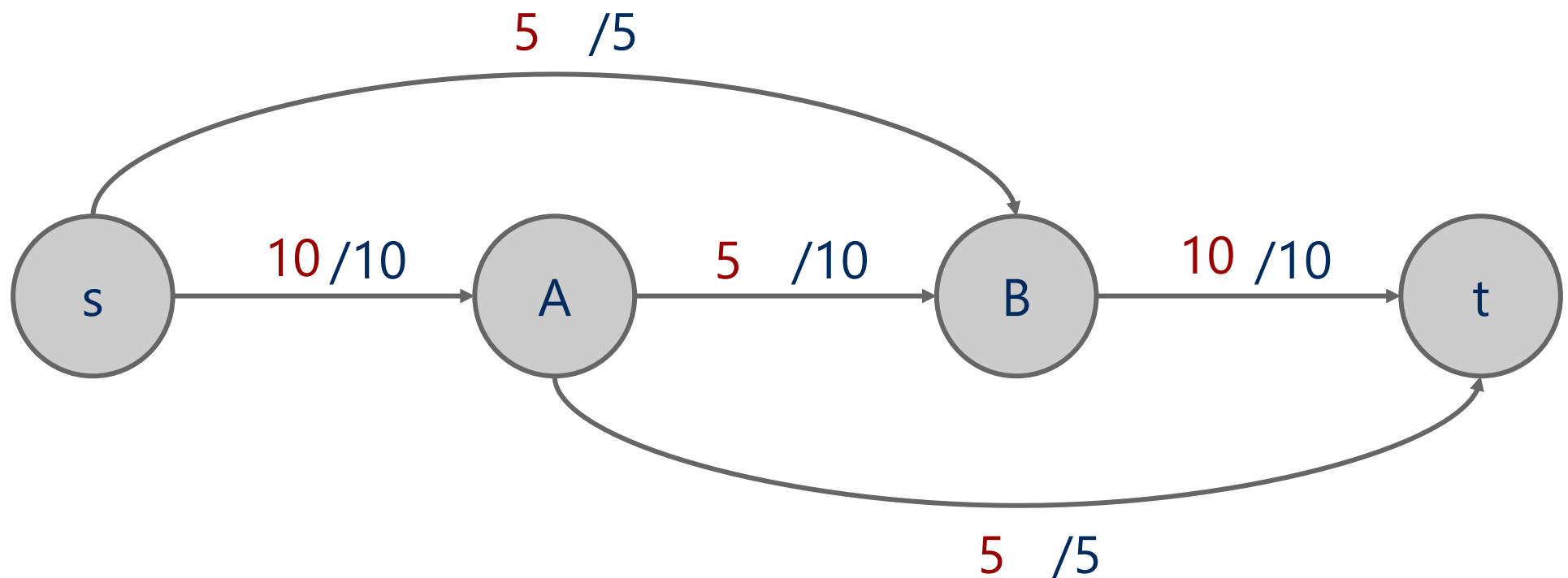
- Initially:  $\mathbf{f(u, w) = 0} \ \forall (u, w) \in E$
- While an augmenting path  $p$  exists
  - Find an edge with **minimum residual capacity** in  $p$ 
    - call this minimum residual capacity *new\_flow*
  - **Increase** the flow on all edges in  $p$  by *new\_flow*

# Ford Fulkerson example



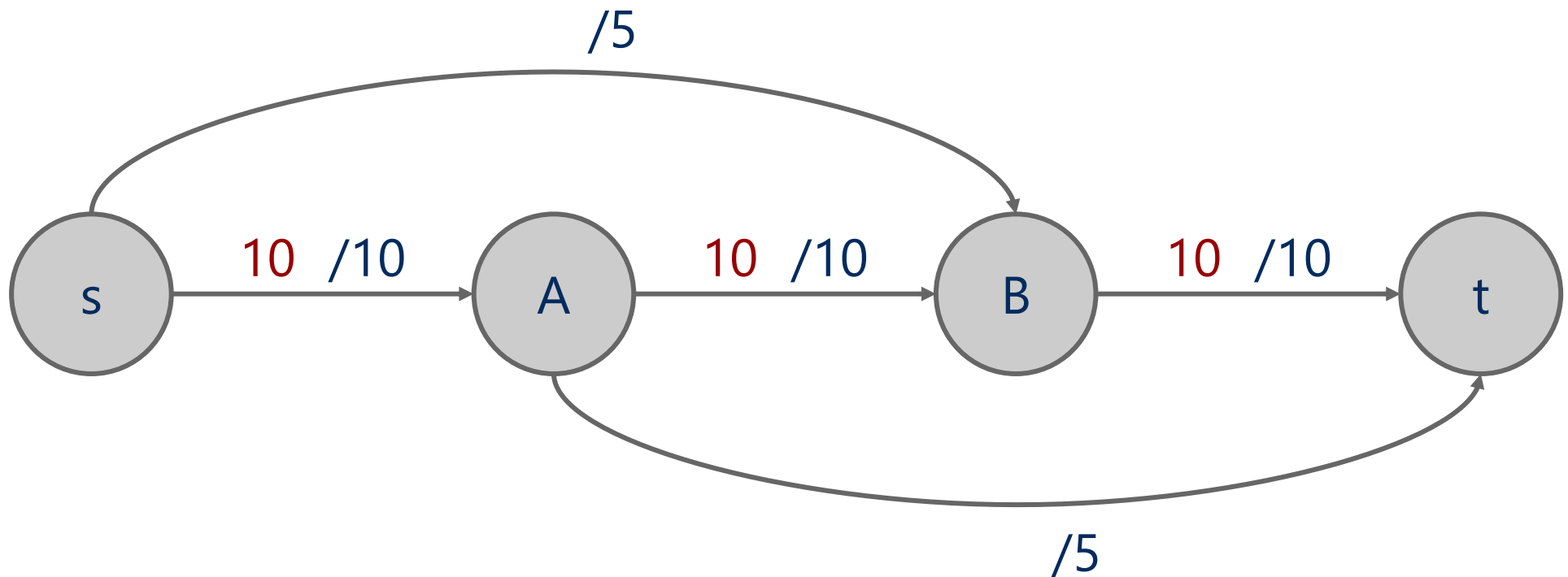
# So what is the value of the maximum flow?

- Add up the **flow increments** in iterations of Ford-Fulkerson
- Add up the edge flows **out of source**
- Add up the edge flows of **into sink**





# What if we selected augmenting paths in different order?



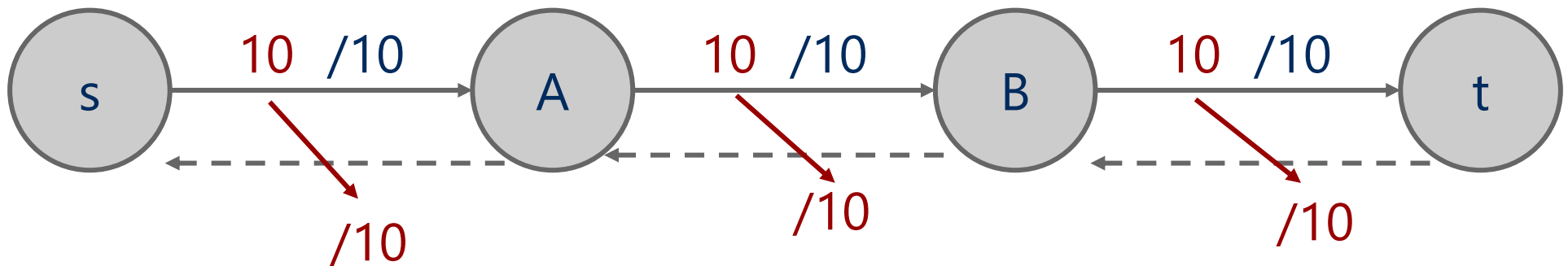
Can't reach maximum flow value of 15!

## How does Ford-Fulkerson correct that?

- consider **re-routing** previously allocated flow
- when finding an augmenting path, look not only at the edges of  $G$ , but also at **backwards edges** that allow such re-routing

# Backwards Edges

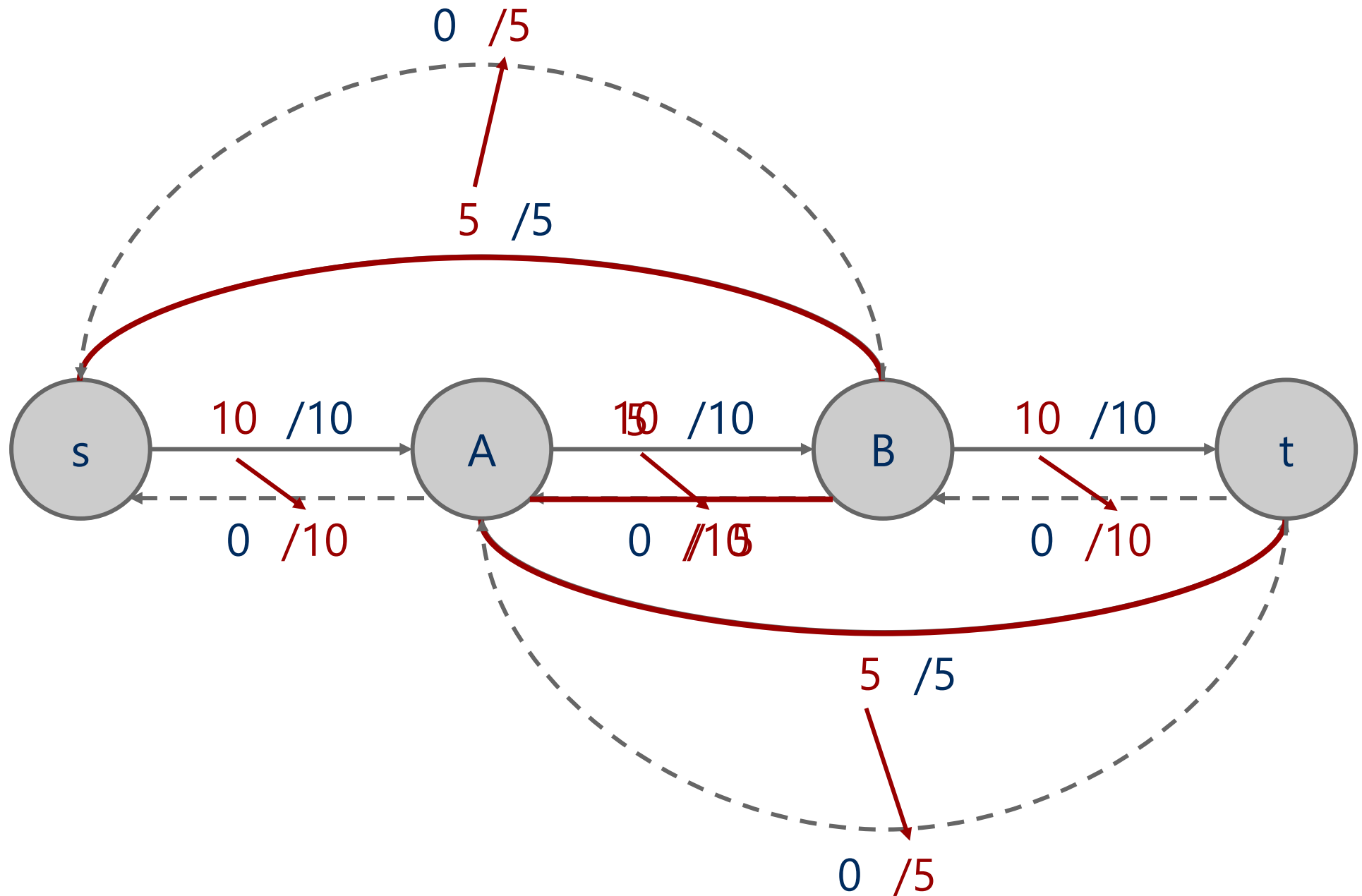
- For each edge  $(u, w) \in E$  with  $\mathbf{f(u, w)} > \mathbf{0}$ , a backwards edge  $(w, u)$  exists
- The capacity of the backwards edge  $(w, u) = \mathbf{f(u, w)}$
- Adding flow to a backwards edge means **rerouting** flow from the corresponding forward edge



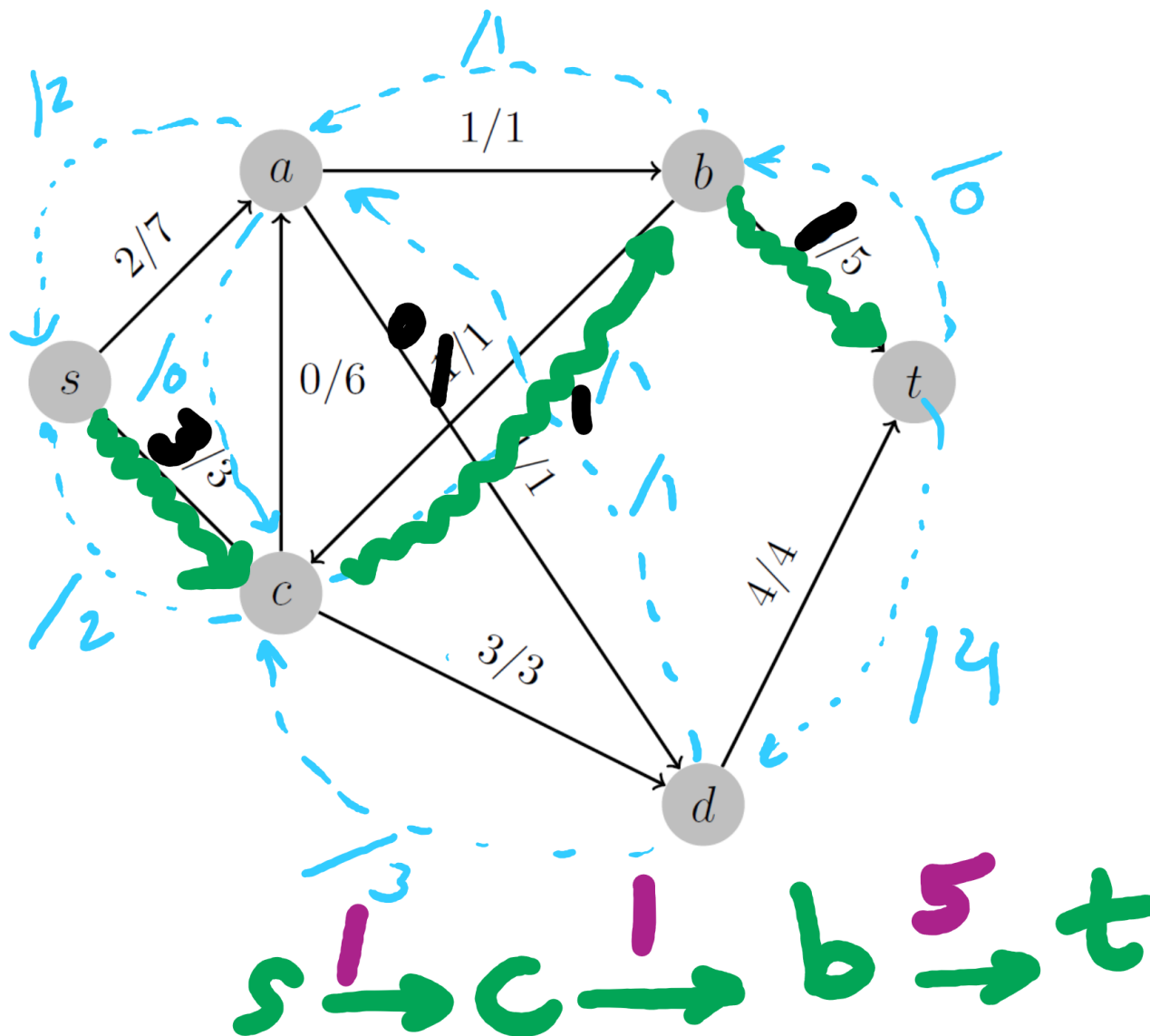
# The residual graph

- searches for augmenting path on a **residual graph**
- The residual graph is made up of:
  - $V$
  - An edge for each  $(u, w) \in E$  where  **$f(u, w) < c(u, w)$** 
    - 0 flow and a capacity of  $c(u, w) - f(u, w)$
  - A **backwards edge** for each  $(u, w) \in E$  where  **$f(u, w) > 0$** 
    - $(u, w)$ 's backwards edge has a capacity of  $f(u, w)$
    - All backwards edges have 0 flow

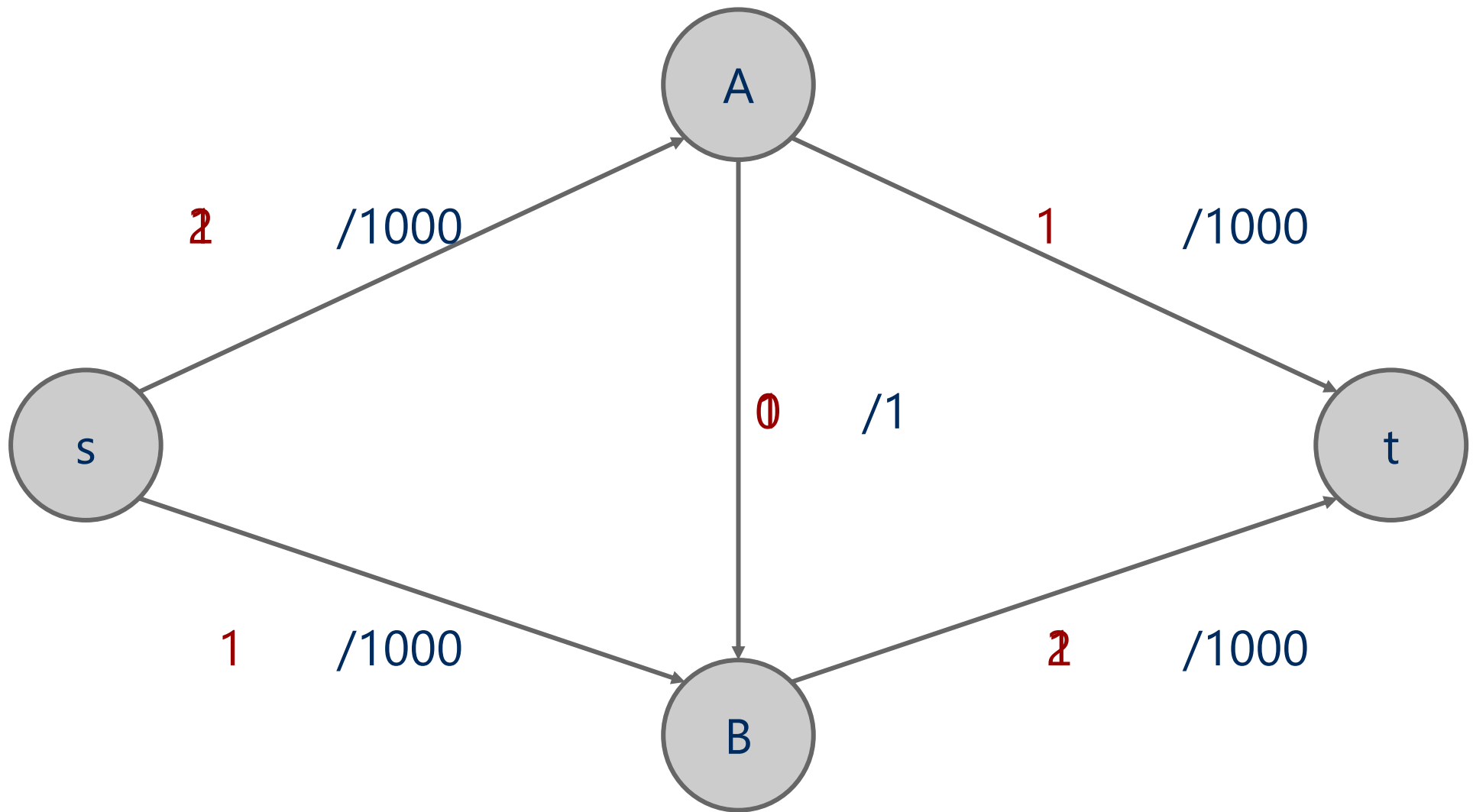
# Residual graph example



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Tophat Question



## Another example



# Worst-case Runtime of Ford-Fulkerson

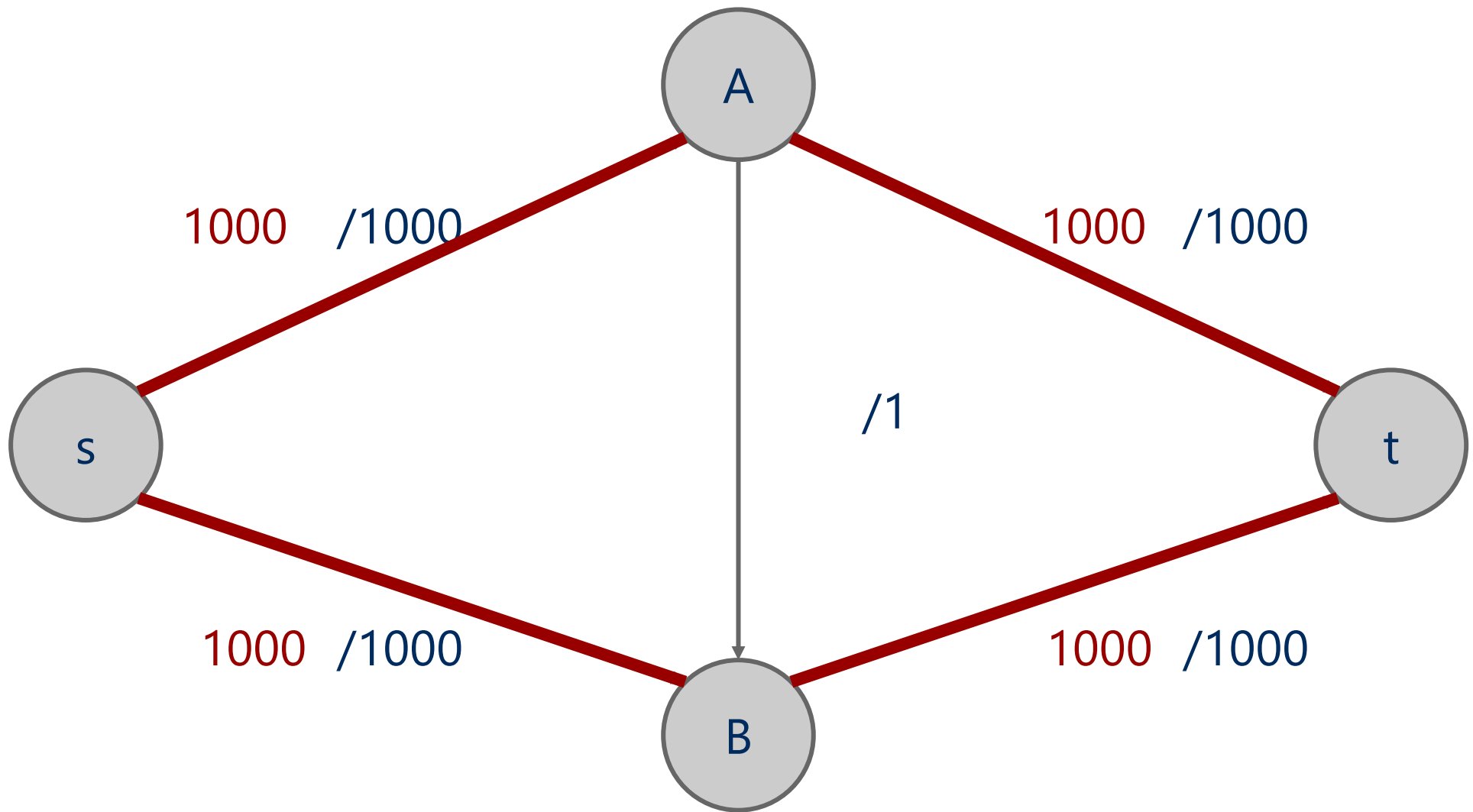
- $O(f * (e+v))$
- $f$ : value of maximum flow
- $e+v$ : time to find an augmenting path
- is that polynomial in the input size?
- No!  $f$  is exponential in bitlength of  $f$
- $O(2^{|f|} * (e+v))$



# Edmonds Karp

- How the augmenting path is chosen affects the **performance** of the search for max flow
- Edmonds and Karp proposed a **shortest path heuristic** for Ford Fulkerson
  - Use **BFS** to find augmenting paths

## Another example



# Edmonds Karp

- Running time is  $O(e^2 v)$

## But our flow graph is weighted...

Edmonds-Karp only uses BFS

- BFS finds spanning trees and shortest paths for **unweighted** graphs
- some **weight-based** measure of priority to find augmenting paths?

# Maximum Capacity Path

- Proposed by Edmonds and Karp
- implemented by modifying Dijkstra's shortest paths algorithm
- Define **flow[v]** as the maximum amount of flow from  $s \rightarrow v$  along a **single path**
- Each iteration, set curr as an unmarked vertex with the largest flow
- For each neighbor w of curr:
  - if  **$\min(\text{flow}[\text{curr}], \text{residual capacity of edge (curr, w)}) > \text{flow}[w]$**
  - update flow[w] and parent[w] to be curr

# Flow edge implementation

- For each **edge**, we need to store:
  - **from** vertex
  - **to** vertex
  - **edge capacity**
  - **edge flow**
  - residual capacities
    - For **forwards** and **backwards** edges

# FlowEdge.java

```
public class FlowEdge {  
    private final int v;           // from  
    private final int w;           // to  
    private final double capacity; // capacity  
    private double flow;           // flow  
  
    ...  
    public double residualCapacityTo(int vertex) {  
        if (vertex == v) return flow;  
        else if (vertex == w) return capacity - flow;  
        else throw new  
            IllegalArgumentException("Illegal endpoint");  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

# BFS search for an augmenting path (pseudocode)

```
edgeTo = [v]
```

```
marked = [v]
```

```
Queue q
```

```
q.enqueue(s)
```

```
marked[s] = true
```

```
while !q.isEmpty():
```

```
    v = q.dequeue()
```

```
    for each edge in AdjList[v]:
```

```
        if residualCapacity(other end-point) > 0:
```

```
            if !marked[w]:
```

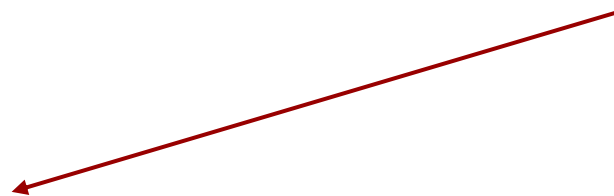
```
                edgeTo[w] = v;
```

```
                marked[w] = true;
```

```
                q.enqueue(w);
```

Each FlowEdge object is stored  
in the adjacency list twice:

Once for its forward edge  
Once for its backward edge





# Push-Relabel Algorithm for Max Flow

- More **efficient** than Edmonds-Karp that uses BFS
  - Running time: **Theta( $v^3$ )** vs.  $\Theta(e^2v)$
- **Local** per vertex operations instead of global updates
- Each vertex has a **height** and **excess flow** value

# Push-Relabel Algorithm for Max Flow

- push operation:
  - Flow **pushed** from higher vertex to lower neighbor
    - height difference of 1
    - over an edge with **residual capacity**  $> 0$
- relabel operation:
  - If a vertex's excess flow  $> 0$  and has no lower neighbor
    - **relabel** vertex's height to
      - **1 + min height of neighbors able to receive flow**

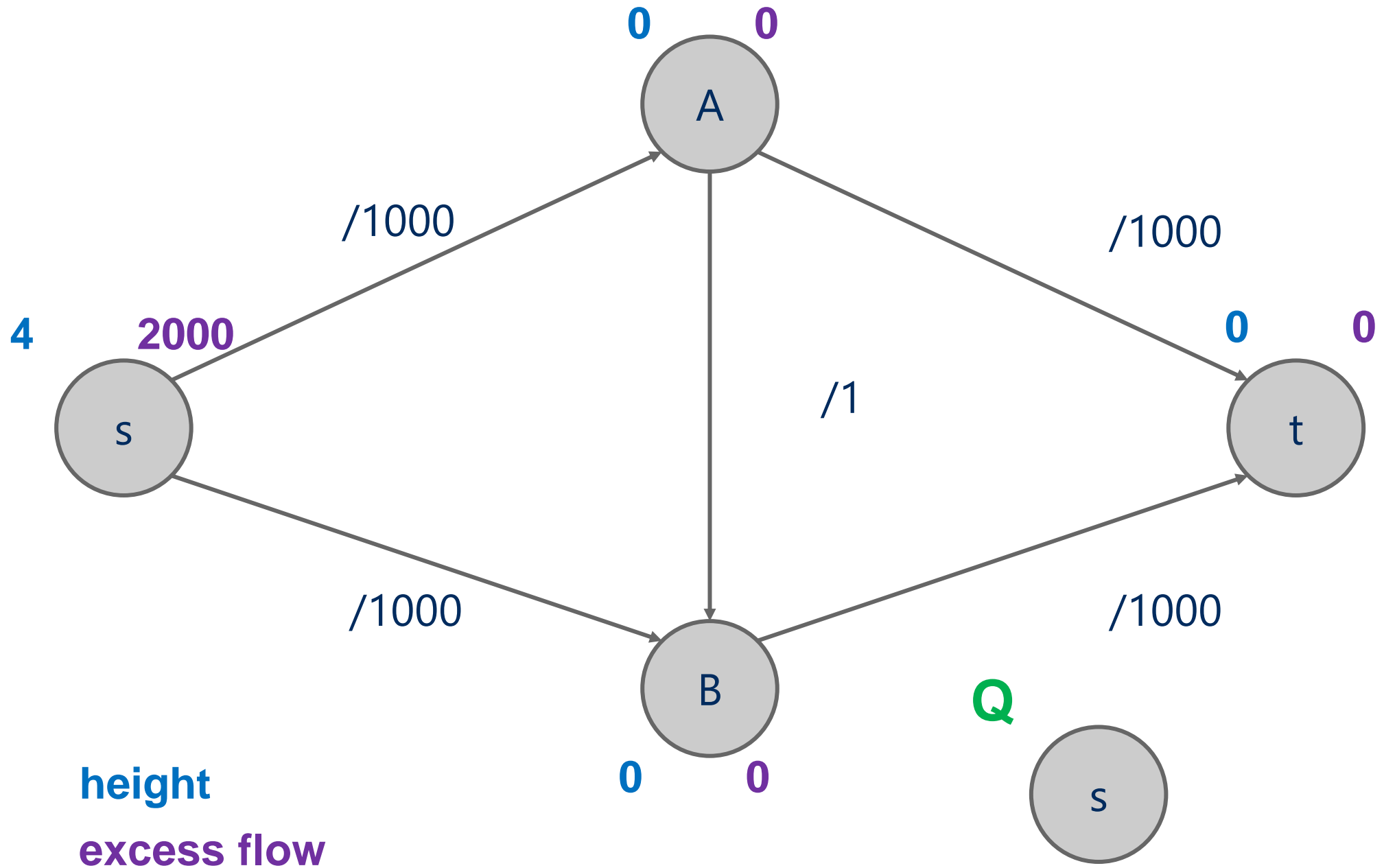
# Push-Relabel Algorithm for Max Flow

- **push operation:**
- **relabel operation:**
- **Repeat** relabel and push operations until
  - all vertices except source and sink have **0 excess flow**

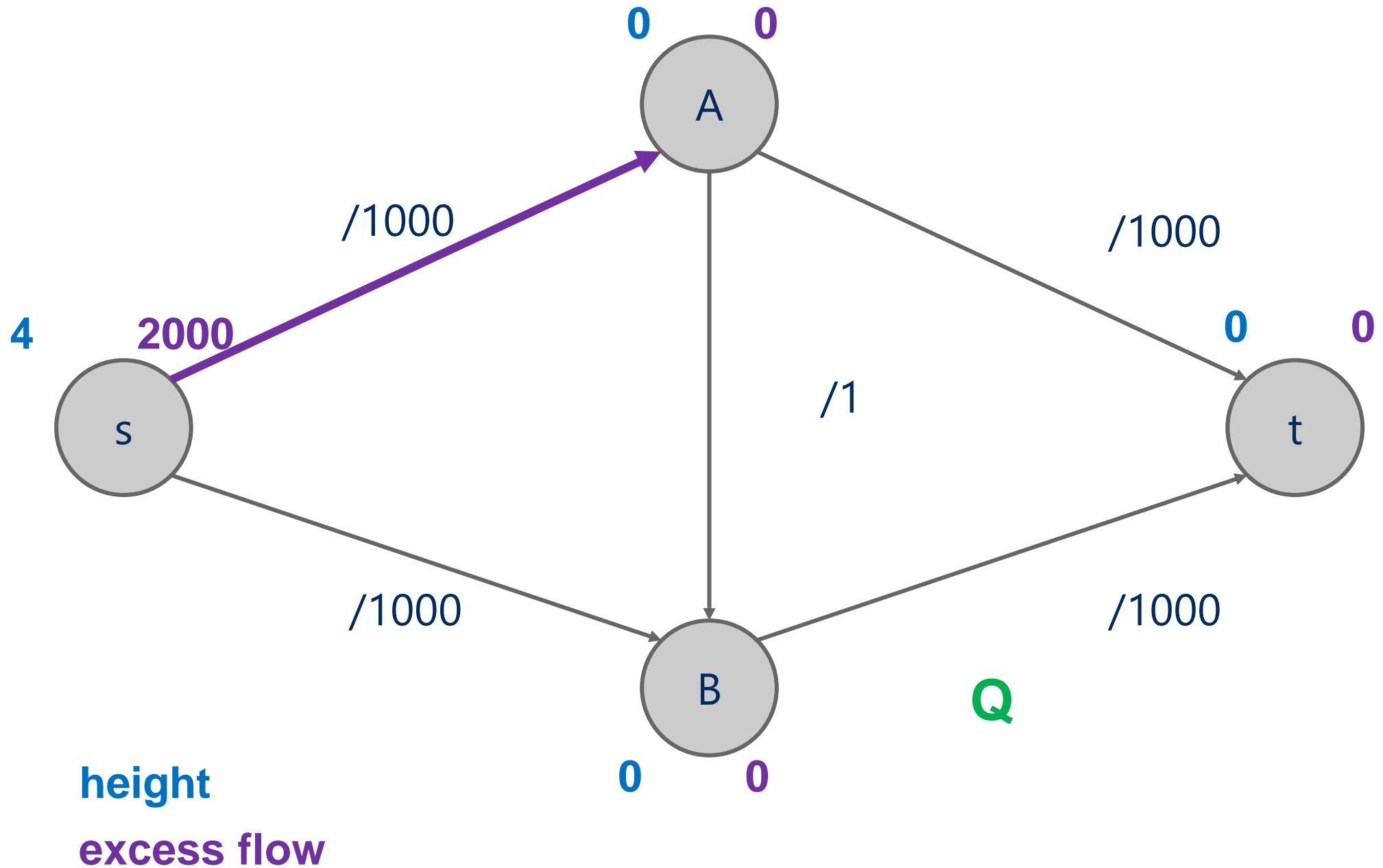
# Push-Relabel Algorithm

- $\text{height} = 0$  and  $\text{excess} = 0$  for all vertices
- $\text{excess}[s] = \text{sum of edge capacities out of } s$
- $\text{height}[s] = v$
- insert  $s$  into  $Q$
- **while  $Q$  not empty**
  - $v = \text{pop head of queue}$
  - relabel  $v$  if needed
  - **for each neighbor  $w$  of  $v$ :**
    - push as much of  $v$ 's excess flow to  $w$
    - increase  $w$ 's excess flow by the pushed amount
    - add  $w$  to  $Q$  if not already there

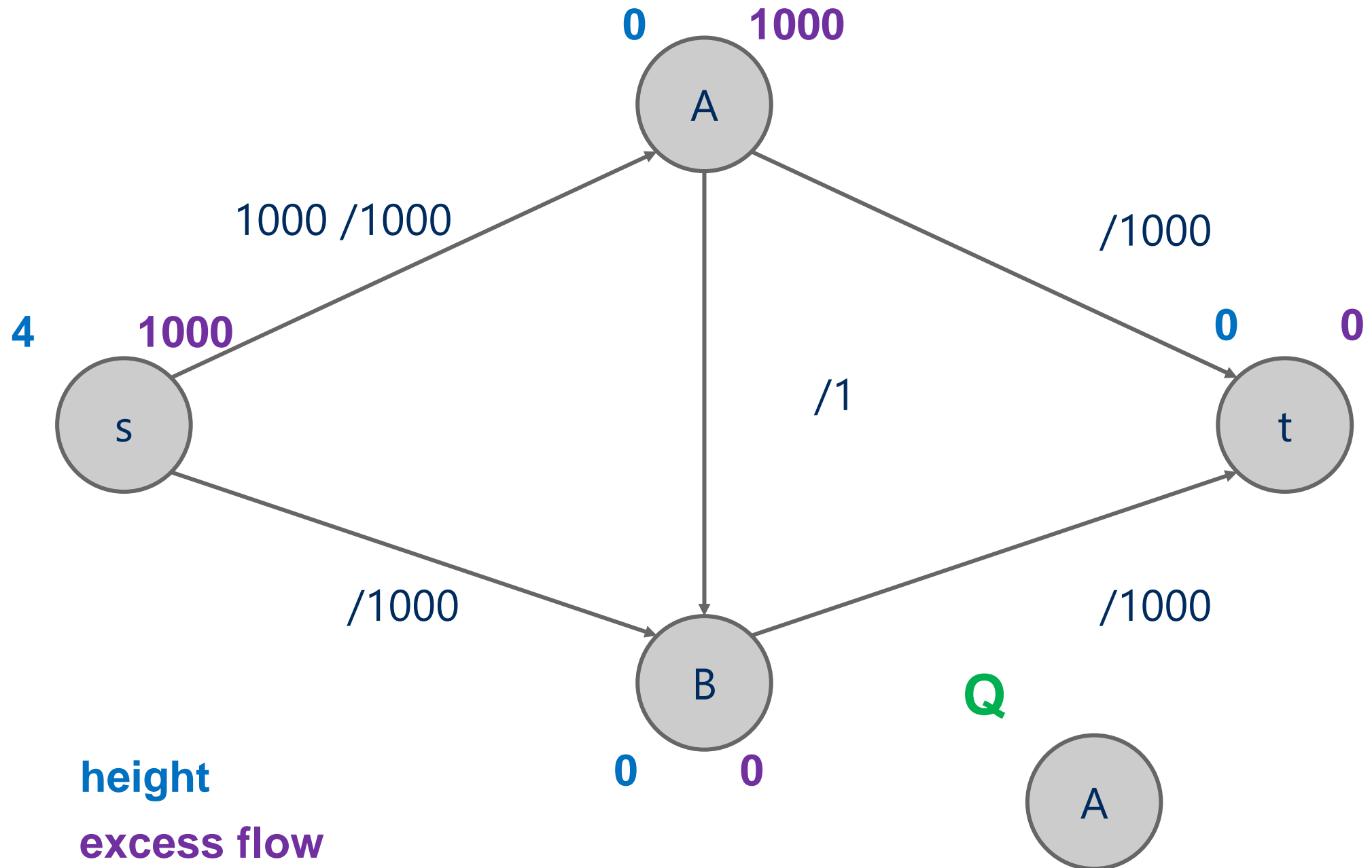
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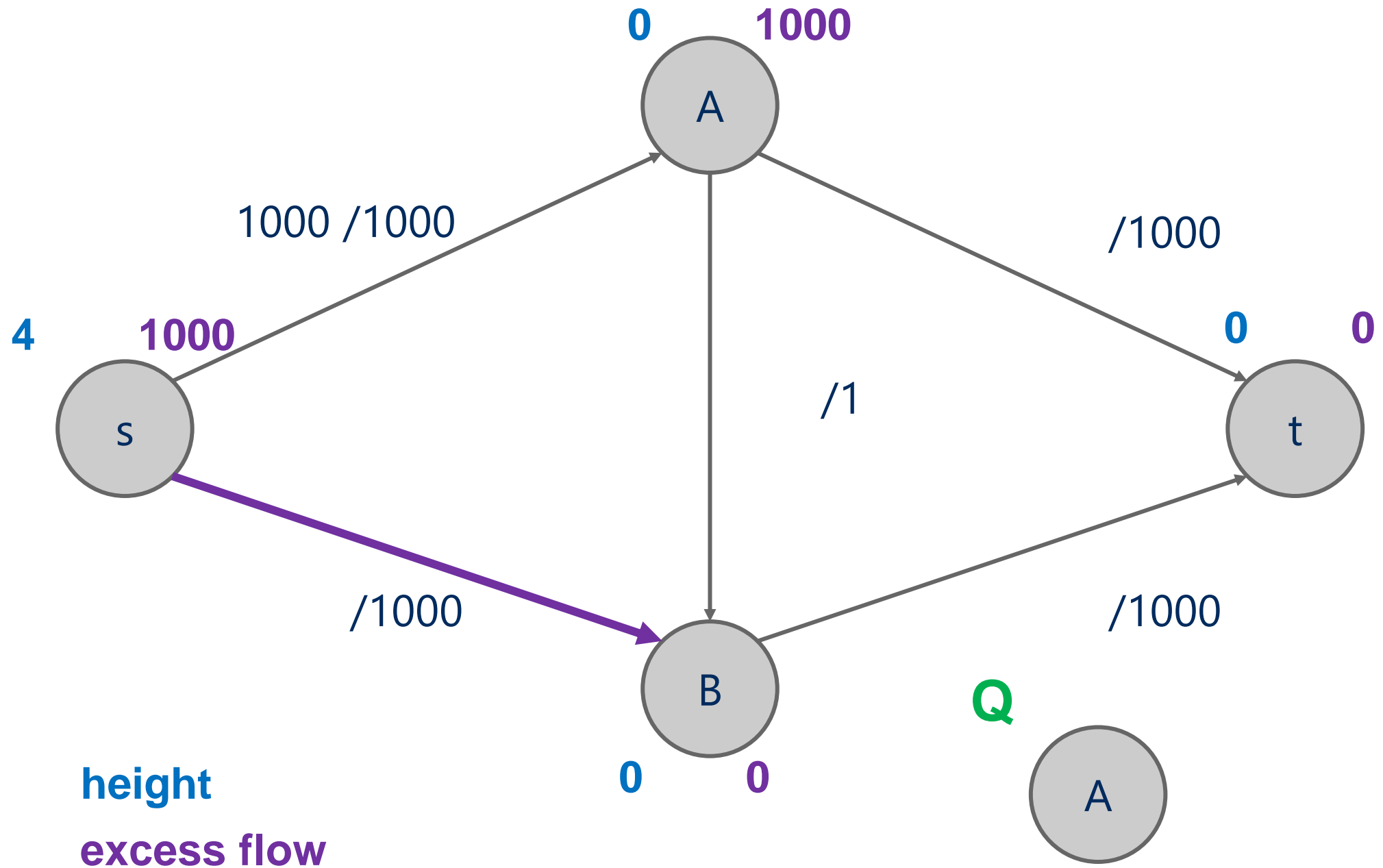
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